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SUBJECT: Mattress and Bedding Standards

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Michael Gougisha and Pamela L. Weller, Counselors to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Margaret Neily of Engineering Sciences; Jason Hartman of Compliance and Enforcement; Soumaya Tohamy, Robert Franklin and Deborah Aiken of the Economics Department; Patricia Pollitzer of the Office of General Counsel and Edward Krawiec of Laboratory Sciences

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Ryan Trainer, David Bright, Brandon Wolf, Katie Geohagan, and Bernard Roth of the International Sleep Products Association; Robert Polk, National Association of State Fire Marshals; Phil Wakelyn, National Cotton Council; Rick Valentine, American Fire Safety Council; Joanne Mattiace, Leggett & Platt; Allen Podratsky, Simmons Bedding; Mike Murray, Sealy Inc.; Al Klancnik, Serta Inc.; and John Whistler, Parker Buro Bedding, LLC.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Commissioner Moore began the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. After introductions, Mr. Ryan Trainer expressed support for the CPSC staff's draft proposed standard for mattresses indicating that it was logical and well thought out. He also indicated that he hoped that there would be fair application of the standard to imported products. Mr. Trainer also expressed some concern about possible overlap with the existing cigarette ignition standard for mattresses.

Commissioner Moore indicated that he was pleased with staff's work and expressed his interest in having a uniformed national fire safety standard for mattresses.

After Ms. Pamela Weller asked if there were other comments, Mr. Phil

Wakelyn noted that he was still reviewing the briefing package and that he thought that there might be some possible inconsistency with the NIST performance standard.

Mr. Mike Murray and Mr. Bernie Roth both expressed concerns that non-complying refurbished mattresses would find their way into the market. They indicated that 10% of the mattress market is refurbished products.

Commissioner Moore indicated that he was surprised to find that much of the market was resold products and that he thought enforcement would be the key since these resold mattresses would be subject to the mattress standard.

Ms. Margaret Neily asked whether the FTC had been approached about possible fraudulent practices in the mattress industry. Mr. Ryan Trainer indicated that the International Sleep Products Association was working with the FTC and State Attorney Generals on the issue but there were restraints because of limited resources dedicated toward the enforcement efforts.

When it was clear that no one else had anything of substance to add, Commissioner Moore thanked everyone for coming to present their views.